

John Dean lures SRO crowd to Cook Gym

Hindsight seems far better than foresight, according to former White House Counsel

by Travis A. Williams

An overflow crowd jammed Cook Gymnasium Saturday night to hear former White House Counsel John Dean III continue to publicly apologize for his involvement in the Watergate scandal's abortive cover-up.

Dean, whose testimony during the 1973 Senate Watergate hearings contributed greatly to the destruction of Richard Nixon's Presidency, detailed his own wrongdoing and urged the former chief executive to do the same.

"I think he's a prisoner of his own conscience," Dean asserted, "And I think he will be until he comes forward."

The 36-year old legal counsel was released from federal prison less than three months ago after serving slightly more than four months of a one-to-four year sentence for perjury. His appearance at SAC was billed as the finale of a five-week campus speaking tour often plagued by student and faculty protests.

Accompanied by his wife, Maureen, he strode to a makeshift podium as the audience greeted his arrival with a respectable ovation.

But once on stage, Dean seemed reluctant to leave, and despite a malfunctioning public address system, devoted more than two hours to a chronological summary of his contact with the White House during the term of the Watergate cover-up. His presentation included a lengthy question-and-answer session with members of the audience.

"I could never have anticipated what befell me," he said, noting that the array of microphones and video cameras present served as a reminder of the televised Senate Watergate hearings of 1973.

Defining 'Watergate' as the "corrupt use of power for political purposes by government officials," Dean joked that the subject is

"something we all know a little bit about" and said he felt "like a Brigitte Bardot lover; I know what I'm supposed to do, but how do I make it interesting?"

Major motivation

"It would be easy to say it was through loyalty to the President," he continued, "but to be very candid and honest, it was not just loyalty. I was ambitious; I was thinking 'what's good for John Dean?'"

His involvement in the cover-up began in August, 1972, when Nixon summoned the press to his San Clemente estate to announce that Dean had been ordered to conduct a complete investigation to determine who, if anyone, was trying to sweep Watergate under the rug.

Dean maintains that he had no prior knowledge of Nixon's announcement, and as he watched the televised news conference from his motel room he saw himself emerge as the latest addition to the scheme. "I was one of the most surprised persons," he added, "but there I was: out in front."

The months that followed, according to Dean, saw the Nixon Administration move from one public relations scenario to another. By December of that year, it was apparent to Dean that Attorney General John Mitchell, Presidential Advisor John Ehrlichman and others would eventually be indicted.

"I was having misgivings about the activity," he recalled. "I wanted out, but I couldn't get out; I was in all the way."

Dealing with the President

Nixon then began meeting directly with Dean in an effort to sustain his loyalty and Dean found himself powerless to object to the President's orders and suggestions. "It was very awesome to deal with him on a one-to-one basis," Dean remembers, "He was very able to turn me around very quickly."

On March 20, 1973, Dean asked to meet with the President, and the next day told

Nixon "there was a cancer growing on the Presidency and the whole thing was going to tumble down."

Nixon rejected that warning and Dean's dilemma reached its peak. "It was inevitable that I was going to have to testify sometime, somewhere," he said, noting that he predicted to his wife, Maureen, that his actions would eventually lead him to jail.

"Nixon was certainly not a paranoid," Dean emphasized. "He was very much in control of his Presidency and his staff. Nixon was good, he was kind, he was thoughtful to me. I don't think Richard Nixon could trust the American people. But had he not wanted those things to go on in the White House, they wouldn't have."

Soon thereafter, the Senate hearings began. Dean recalls that "Senator [Edward] Gurney and the others gave me a pretty good going-over. It wasn't a very pleasant five days, but [Committee Chairman] Sam Ervin was a very fair man."

Criminal Code injustice

As an ex-convict now, Dean has seen both sides of the judicial fence and is a vocal proponent of criminal justice reform. "There is an amazing inequality of sentencing, based on the mood of the judge," he assessed, noting that while in prison he met a fellow convict serving a ten-year sentence for possession of one ounce of marijuana. "That young person receiving 10 years, and my receiving four months, is not justice."

Dean concluded with a word of warning to his receptive audience, saying "Ambition certainly isn't a bad word. I hope there are a lot of ambitious people out here in the hall tonight, because that's how you'll get things done."

"I spent much more time trying to right my wrongs than it took to commit them. I hope you'll keep your head better than I did."



"I tried to tell the President that there was a cancer growing on his administration."



"I sold my integrity cheaply. I was concerned with my ambition and how to further myself."



Last Tango in Santa Ana. Dean ended his lecture tour because of confrontations at other schools.



"Watergate was the worst experience, and also the best experience, of my life."

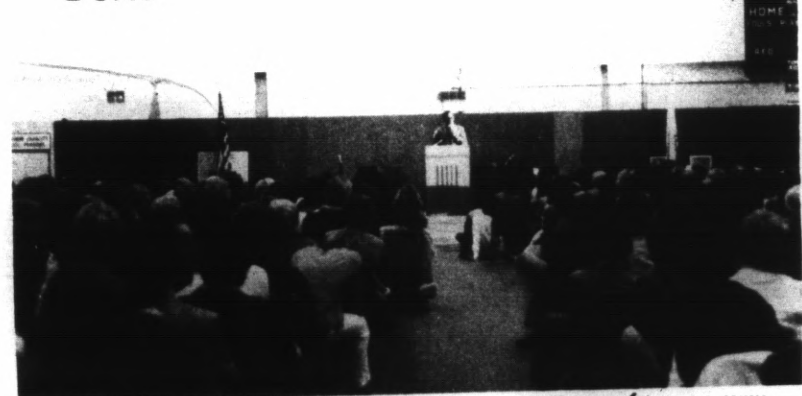


"The media photographs during the Watergate Hearings always seemed to show me picking my nose."



'Mo' Dean, "If you want to hear my story, you'll have to buy the book, I'm only a guest here."

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Face to face with students and media found Dean giving long-winded answers to equally round-about questions.

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Framed by major news media reporters from throughout the Southland, Maureen Dean observes lecture from the audience. Flanking her are Ed Taylor, President of the RSCCD Trustees and Cathy McCain, wife of SAC Student Activities Director.

Campus News Briefs

Faculty Senate has meeting

Gary Teigen, SAC instructor, reviewed the history of copyright negotiations within the RSCCD. The proposal under consideration by the Faculty Senate is to revert the copyrights presently held by the district back to the individuals that developed them. Under current policy, any document produced under district funding is subject to be copyrighted by the RSCCD.

Also on the agenda was a report by Lee Ford and Merlin Henry concerning a new Senate Bill about collective bargaining for public employees, especially teachers. Ford explained the implications of the plan for SAC faculty. Questions were raised about the serious problems that school faculty groups would have when negotiating with political pressure unions.

Open-voting bill defeated

The controversial Dodd-Gray Bill, which would have given ASB card-holders the final word on who should be allowed to vote in ASSAC elections, was soundly defeated Monday when sponsors of the legislation were unable to muster the necessary votes for passage. The final vote was 6-11.

There was little hope for the proposal, SB XI-8, when it returned from the Rules Committee with a negative recommendation.

Chairman Vic Schneider voiced doubts that the students, if given the chance, would seek out all the facts before voting on the proposed constitutional amendment. "I didn't feel that the students would be able to make an intelligent decision on the bill," he surmised.

Forensics team finalists

Jim Speirs, novice on the SAC Speech Team, won first place in the Lincoln-Douglas debate at the Santa Rosa Invitational two weeks ago.

In the competition at Pasadena City College this last weekend, another novice, Doug Edwards, made it to the semi-finals in impromptu speaking and reached the finals in the extemporaneous competition.

The speech team will be competing in the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Tournament March 21 and 22.

New show in Art Gallery

SAC's art gallery has on exhibit art done by full and part-time faculty members.

Eugene Isaacson, art instructor, described the show as "concept art and minimal statement art in brick, clay, wood and multi-media."

The exhibit will be shown from March 17 through April 11.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday evenings 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mexico travel-study offer

Two scholarships are available to be used for the travel-study program to Mexico this summer.

Any Mexican-American students interested in going are eligible. One scholarship is a full one, for \$850, the other is a half, paying \$425.

An objective of the trip is to increase intercultural awareness and to enable Chicano students to spend time in Mexico.

For further information contact Jim Bears, ext. 321.

Commission reports crime rate rapidly increasing here

by John Lee

The Santa Ana City Council has approved a \$1.8 million team policing proposal and is investigating means of funding it.

The idea was recommended by the Citizens' Crime Commission as a necessary action to curb crime, which is increasing more rapidly in Santa Ana than in any California city of comparable size.

The report outlined the goals of team policing, "to control crime, to improve community relations, (and) to provide essential services."

The program calls for the addition of 88 police personnel, a restructuring of patrol areas, and the establishment of citizens action groups to aid in crime prevention.

One such community group, the Santa Ana Citizens Against Crime Committee, will aid police by presenting exhibits and establishing message relay stations, which will act as the eyes and ears of law enforcement.

Committee chairman John Meola stressed, "We are not a vigilante group." He described the group's role as that of a watchdog with no enforcement powers. The emphasis here is on

preventing crime and promoting community involvement.

Meola says his group is already an active entity and "is doing a lot of good for the neighborhood." Interested citizens may contact the committee through the Santa Ana Police Dept. Crime Prevention Center at 834-4957.

The team policing program would enlarge the police force from 1.3 sworn officers per thousand population to 1.7

Police patrol areas would become longer term assignments

to allow officers time to become better acquainted with area residents. Officers would be held responsible for their areas in hopes of fostering pride and a healthy competition.

Santa Ana police officer Pete Jensen says he thinks the idea is generally a good one. He criticized it as potentially time consuming, but said it would build valuable friendships. His opinion is that the proposal will go through. He called it, "almost mandatory from a political and public opinion viewpoint."

Lucrative lecture \$ planned for future

In an effort to preserve and sustain SAC's newly-acquired status on the "big league" lecture circuit, Student Activities Director Don McCain said Monday he is investigating the possibility of booking Alabama Governor George Wallace for a one-night speaking engagement.

McCain told the ASSAC Senate that he remains open to other suggestions in addition to Wallace, who carried the American Independent Party's White House hopes in the 1968 election.

Wallace's name was suggested to McCain by ASSAC Vice President Mike Norris.

Looking back at Saturday's John Dean lecture, McCain told the Senate "it was everything we had hoped for, anticipated and dreamed it would be, and then some. We didn't intend to make money... but evidently we did."

McCain estimated the net profit at \$1,000 to \$2,000.



DEAN SCENE—Part of the massive crowd that filled Cook Gym to hear John Dean lecture. The 3,200 people sold-out the show, and according to a knowledgeable source, "This is the largest crowd

to ever attend an event like this in my 25 years at SAC." The audience showed a generally favorable response to the speech that presented low-key perspective of the Watergate scandal.

Crowd reactions resemble Roman revelry

by Neal Carroll

The Soothsayer warned, "Beware the Ides of March!" Perhaps that is one reason John Dean cancelled his tour after his lecture at SAC on March 15.

But the majority of the 3,200 people that thronged the forum of Cook Gym had come "To praise Caesar's" attorney, "Not to bury him."

The attraction for the crowd was the reputation of Dean as the modern-day Brutus of the Nixon empire. The spectators wanted to hear Caesar's true reaction to being stabbed in the back by the sword of the scandal revelations. "Et tu, Brute?"

Some of the people had acquired a taste for political bloodletting that had not been satiated. They wanted to hear first-hand who had been devoured by the lynx.

They packed the arena to see this martyr crucify himself. In their polyester armor and denim togas they came to see if the convict would turn thumbs-down on Caesar.

A sampling of the crowds opinions as they left their four-wheeled chariots indicated a substantial interest in the gladiatorial combat that enveloped the Capitol in recent years.

"I want to see if someone assassinates him!"

"I want to hear him smoke Nixon out."

"I hope to hear a lot more than I did on the news. Dean is my hero, anyone that would fink on Nixon is my hero."

"He's the greatest stool pigeon in U.S. history."

"I read his interview in Playboy, and I just want to hear it in person."

Others who arrived at the forum to hear the orator upon the podium were not so critical of the man.

"We spent a better part of recent life reading about it, and now I'd like to see the active participant."

"I want to see one of the greatest convicted felons of all time. Besides, he broke the whole thing wide open. I admire his intelligence."

"We saw him during the testimony and followed the whole thing. I think we should support people who put the finger on those crooks."

"I think Dean has the mind of the century. I appreciate the fact that he stepped forward. But I don't think we'll hear any new information tonight."

"I want to hear his side of the story."

"I think he has been honest." "He is famous and has something to say about a problem most people don't know enough about."

"I would like to hear someone with some brains. In my ordinary life I see only humdrum people. This chap is over and above."

"It will be nice to compare what is written to what he says."

"I don't think there will be any fantastic revelation, but I hope he has some new insights to discuss."

Miscellaneous reasons were also motivating factors for some of the spectators.

"I was stood up for a date to Disneyland."

"I always show up for the fiascos."

"We figured it would be a big Orange County social event."

About the equal of the opening of Last Tango in Paris at Cinema Land three years ago. That was a biggy, this could be like it."

"Because I have a speech project and have to evaluate him."

"Oh, I don't know."

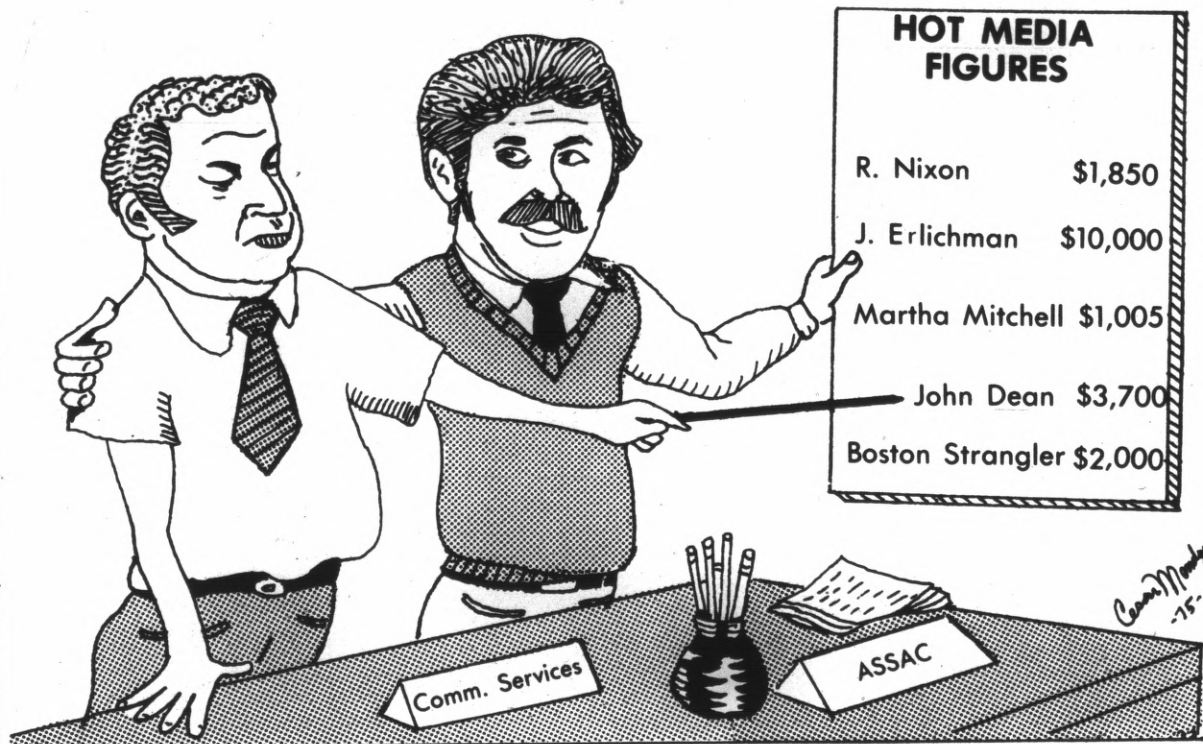
"I'm with them."

"I want to ask him a question."

"Educational reasons."

"I like to hear criminals, I want Manson next."

As the Senators set up the podium for the orator, the forum was invaded by the barbarian hordes of the media tribe carrying strange instruments of battle. This same tribe came from all over the known world to invade the empire. Led by Attila the Hun, they ravaged and pillaged the capitol and led to the downfall of Caesar's centurians.



"Well Don, do you think we can afford him?"

"Tell you what Stew, why don't we go DUTCH!"

Knowledge relies upon the voice of expertise

The cancer on SAC has been found not to be malignant, saving ASSAC and Community Services \$3,700.

A gymnasium filled to the rafters last Saturday night signified that the John Dean speaking engagement was a return on the investment for its two producers, ASSAC and Community Services.

Indeed, these two groups can be complimented for offering Orange County residents a chance to view a key media figure such as John Dean.

But now an important question must be asked. Should Santa

Editorial

Ana College rush to engage every prominent media figure at any cost, just because the investment will be returned?

el DON believes that the key purpose of lectures on college campuses is to lend new cultural awarenesses to the student's studies. Students needs are not served by only engaging hot media personalities.

This campus received quite a bit of publicity and notoriety by engaging Dean. el DON hopes that this lecturer will not be the last this semester, but the beginning of a push toward more speakers on campus from all realms. We hope that the college will indeed seek out individuals offering intellectual stimulus for the student and community.

Commentary

Police should concentrate on murderers and rapists

by John Lee

For the present system of law enforcement, judiciary and penal institutions to cope with a soaring crime rate on national and local levels, some degree of streamlining is necessary.

One method of lightening the load on these overworked agencies would be the decriminalization of the victimless crimes - gambling, prostitution, and drug abuse.

This does not imply that these serious problems should be legalized and forgotten, but that they be recognized as social and psychological matters and be dealt with as such.

Apprehension and prosecution of those who indulge in these vices seem to have little effect except to encumber the legal system and take time away from dealing with violent and economically harmful crimes.

Let us then leave the police, courts and prisons free to deal with thieves, rapists and murderers by transferring jurisdiction over victimless crimes into a socio-psychological framework.

Licensing of prostitution, requiring frequent health and hazard inspections, would reduce the risk of venereal disease and theft. Gambling establishments could be handled in a similar way to ensure fairness and reduce theft.

Regulation of heroin use in a form similar to the English system of inexpensive government

distribution centers would reduce theft and burglary by removing the need for vast sums of money to maintain an advanced habit. Rehabilitation, seldom successful in the penal system, might also benefit from this approach. Vast sums of money would be kept out of the hands of organized crime.

Marijuana smoking should be legalized outright. Some estimates of at least one-time users go as high as 20 million people in the U.S. alone. Alcohol, the readily available and socially acceptable intoxicant, is physically addictive and can cause withdrawal symptoms as severe as those from heroin use. Why not provide a legal alternative - pot - which is not physically addictive and involves at worst a mental dependence with no withdrawal at all from discontinued use?

Licensing, regulating, monitoring, and rehabilitation are the keys to this proposal. The activities exist and will continue to be indulged in. Decriminalization could provide a measure of safety, produce tax and license revenues, keep vast sums of money from the hands of criminals, provide a chance to rehabilitate the afflicted, and most importantly, reduce crime and lift a heavy burden from the shoulders of law enforcement agencies.



Political clout for students

by Mark Voge

Money might make "the world go 'round,'" but in Sacramento it is the influence of pressure groups that turns the Legislature to action.

In a pluralistic and democratic society, influence is power. Group after group have realized that the best way to get something done in their interest is to capture the ear and the vote of a legislator.

Students, however, have been tardy in realizing this. But now, Paul Carpenter, the newly-elected Assemblyman from the 71st District, is providing the means - at least for students in Orange County. He has established a Student Advisory Council and I attended its first meeting last week.

"I want to give you a way to fight the system, to get input into it," Carpenter explained to the small group of college newspaper editors and student body officers. "The system will bend and move to pressure - and you can pressure it to do what you want it to. It's not easy, but it's fun."

We discussed a wide variety of issues that night. I hope the State Legislature will bend and move over to our point of view.

One of the more interesting topics was the possibility of student and faculty members on local Boards of Trustees. As a result of a referendum passed in November, an instructor and student now sit on the Board of Regents of the University of California. Lately, there has been a move to include students and faculty members on the governing board of the state colleges and universities. Carpenter hinted that there might be legislation introduced allowing student membership on local boards.

The hard reality of the current economic situation will dominate the upcoming budget debates, according to Carpenter. The Assemblyman pointed out that many interests are competing for state money and that there is a definite possibility that higher education will lose out in the budget battle.

In an effort to raise more revenue, the state will probably legalize dog-racing, Carpenter said. I humbly suggested that California annex Las Vegas in order to finance the state budget.

Here at last is a chance to make your needs and concerns known to someone who can do something about them. The Council will meet again a month from now; I would appreciate any comments or information that you wish to pass along to Assemblyman Carpenter.

Opinion

Let nature take its course

by Ben Crowell

The world's population is exploding and its nations, the industrial vs. the developing, are at an impasse for a solution.

It is time for the United States to stop playing global philanthropist, by way of foreign aid (emergency food supplies, artillery and heavy machinery) and till the burden of poverty under permanently.

America's world food reserves have dwindled to a mere 27 days; the lifeline has been severed by disappointing harvests and Russian wheat deals.

The United States has the foodstuffs to bloat every citizen in every state. A gander at the fatsoes littering the SAC campus suggests this.

Presently, the noble Americans are squirming over inflation. Think the way they would squeal when the government curtailed their food supply.

The problem is sectarian. The industrial nations (the United States, Russia, Japan and central and Northern Europe) want population controls now.

The developing countries (India, Brazil and Egypt and the poorer, agrarian states) call for propagation.

The sacred cow of both poles is food, or more

accurately, protein. Two-thirds of mankind is malnourished, protein is its panacea.

To meet the burgeoning world demands for provisions, eight billion acres of virgin land must be farmed. An estimated 30 to 50 years time will be needed for its implementation.

But such all-out proposals are a gamble. Grains are shallow-rooted and leave most of the top soil vulnerable to wind and water erosion. Should a drought occur, the 50 billion acres would make the Oklahoma dust bowl look like a first degree smog alert.

The hybrid grains are by design resistant to known diseases, but should an unperceived virus infect the grains, vast sums would perish.

The inevitable is starvation and ironically, the solution is starvation.

Thus, when natural disasters or unnatural ones should strike an overpopulated country, we merely deny them the food necessary to recover.

It's perfect diplomacy; who can blame the U.S. for a country's short-sightedness.

Future generations may call us the Marie Antoinette of the 20th century. So let them eat soyburgers.

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Rock n' roll

The equinox of rock turns on its juice...

Faces gets the Led out; surpasses Zeppelin

by Doug Fredericksen

During the last couple of weeks, two of England's best rock bands, Led Zeppelin and Faces, played to standing-room-only audiences in their Southern California appearances. Though Zeppelin was better known and a crowd favorite, they were outplayed, outperformed and outclassed by Faces.

It was a good example of press-buildup. Both concerts were acclaimed the concert of the year by critics and fans. *Rolling Stone* magazine published feature articles on both groups a week before their L.A. area concerts.

Though Faces had booked studio time before leaving on their U.S. tour, no group album was released. The band's most recent work was on "Smiler," a solo LP by their vocalist Rod Stewart. The album reflects class and sophistication in one of his best efforts yet.

Led Zeppelin released its long awaited live double album set, "Physical Graffiti," in time for concert-minded L.A. fans to snatch it up. The album proved itself another well executed illustration of hard, rhythmic rock.

Faces was the first of the two groups to visit the Southland. Looking ahead to the coming U.S. tour Rod Stewart said, "This American tour is a turning point for the Faces."

A turning point it was, for those witnessing Faces' concerts saw a dazzling spectacle of

professionalism rarely equaled by rock groups. The concert was highlighted by an excellent Ron Wood guitar solo and a dynamic version of "Stay with Me."

Understandably, Rod Stewart and Faces would be quite an act to follow. But what followed one week later was expected to be the largest grossing tour in rock history.

From the moment they stepped on stage, (45-minutes late at the Long Beach Arena), Led Zeppelin commanded its audience. The group battered their way through a spaced-out three hour set including smoke screens, an explosion, laser beams and a light show that could put Las Vegas to shame.

Jimmy Page dropped his pick during his standard 30-minute violin bow version of "Dazed and Confused." The audience later went wild over an encore medley of such Zeppelin classics as "Whole Lotta Love," "The Wanton Song" and "Black Dog."

The music was distorted, much too loud and John Paul Jones was hissed at during his organ solo. Clearly the faults were there. Zeppelin has looked better, more than once.

Looking forward to both concerts, one can easily see how both could be acclaimed the concert of the year. Yet, looking back, it seems Faces has come of age, while Zeppelin, like its predecessor the Hindenburg, has gone down in flames.



(Photo by Kevin Johnson)
Jimmy Page



Rod Stewart

Rock n' roll



Abandoned pets cost millions

by Ellen Madans

The United States spent about \$125 million last year killing nearly 14 million dogs.

"The Orange County Animal Shelter had to exterminate over 50,000 dogs and cats, the reason - the lack of responsible people who think they should own a pet," explains A.W. Garcia, a kennel attendant at the shelter.

The destiny for 80 per cent of dogs left at animal shelters in the United States is death. Animals are killed daily in decompression chambers. A button is pushed and the oxygen is withdrawn from the chamber. The dogs and cats quickly lose consciousness and usually die painlessly.

The shelter in Orange County will probably kill about 2,500 dogs this month. They do attempt to find homes for the dogs by holding them for adoption but because of space limitations they can only keep the dogs at the most six days.

Armand Rousseau, director of the Garden Grove Humane Society explains, "The percentage of animals getting adopted is small. In February,

61 dogs were adopted and the shelter had to destroy 301."

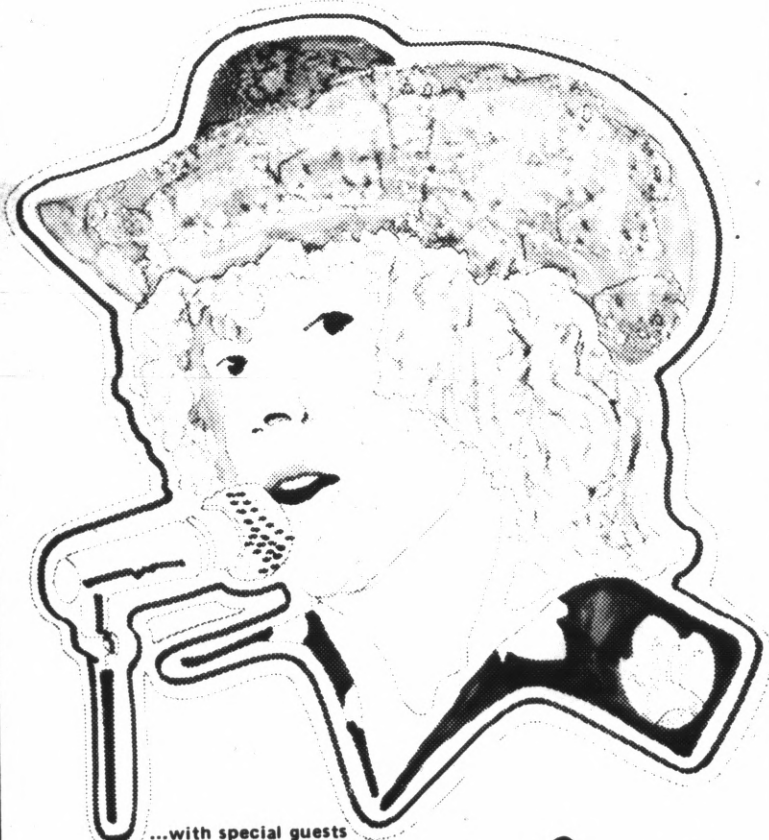
William Dietrich, director of the Orange County Animal Shelter, explains, "The problem isn't unsolvable, we need to make people aware of the consequences that await the dogs they turn in because of their negligent care. The only way to beat this problem is by neutering and spaying animals."

The Orange County Animal Birth Control is now offering low cost spaying and neutering services. The fee for cats is \$10 for males and \$15 for females. The prices for male dogs vary, but usually are between \$20 and \$30. The spaying of female dogs depends on the size of the animal and costs between \$25 and \$60.

Dr. William Faulkner, a Colorado State University animal husbandry professor, believes spaying and neutering of animals is the only way to combat the problem. "People need to realize the urgency of the situation," he said.

Garcia gestured to a cage full of German Shepherd puppies, "We get too many, so we can keep them for two days, then they'll die too."

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Rock n' roll

...put on your high-steppin' shoes & boogie all spring

Tommy's operatic demise

by Randy Lewis

Roger Daltrey aptly, but unknowingly, described the musical performances in Ken Russell's version of *Tommy* when he sang, "It's the singer, not the song, that makes the music move along."

The line is from "Join Together," an old hit for the Who. It was written by Pete Townshend, who also authored *Tommy*.

Russell, I imagine, picked most of the people who appear in *Tommy* for their acting, rather than their singing, talents.

Ann-Margret, for instance, is fine in her place, which is Las Vegas. But as a lead singer for the Who, she is as incongruous as a Volkswagen engine in a Mack truck. She is simply not a rock singer.

Tommy is one of the few "rock operas" that is actually based in rock music. Others, such as *Jesus Christ Superstar*, are at best, pop music. For it to succeed musically then, *Tommy* needs vocalists whose hearts, or rather throats, belong to rock.

As mentioned in the above song lyric, the music does get moving along when Tina Turner makes her appearance as the Acid Queen. Similarly, Elton John is right at home on his three-foot-high boots singing "Pinball Wizard." Throughout the film, Daltrey, perhaps the ultimate rock vocalist, is superb as Tommy.

I'm sure that David Bowie or Mick Jagger could handle any acting necessary, and either would be far more effective than Jack Nicholson singing "Go To the Mirror Boy."

All this is to say is that if you're considering buying the movie soundtrack, you would be better off picking up the Who's original version.

But even with its shortcomings, *Tommy* still stands as a fascinating film. If you don't know the story, or even if you do, Tina Turner, Elton John and Roger Daltrey will certainly open your eyes and ears in *Tommy*.



Pete Townshend



Roger Daltrey



Ken Russell

Russell trips on Tommy

by Ben Crowell

Director Ken Russell has transformed the rock-epic *Tommy*, into a very graphic, neo-decadent music-movie.

This is Ken Russell's version of *Tommy*: A catch-all satire on human consciousness combined with Russell's comic-book side trips into fantasy.

It serves one well to remember that Russell was once a director of television commercials in Britain, and that the assembly-line artistry of advertising has permeated his film-making.

The man who is said to be 10 years ahead of America, summed up his philosophy on movies in an *Esquire* interview, "Ah, it's fabulous this quest for something that's intangible, which is a dream and at the same time could be a great reality, its everyone's thing."

In *Tommy*, his reality is a television vomiting canned beans without the cans. It's a congregation worshipping Marilyn Monroe. It's hoards of sheep (people) idolizing Tommy, the pin-ball king.

Russell doesn't stop there, he proceeds to miscast Ann-Margret at Tommy's mother. The aging redhead would be an accurate depiction of a real-life, victim of opulence, sleeze, but as Tommy's mommy she's like an old Elvis record, moronic n'mono. Liz Taylor would have been perfect for the part.

In fact, all the Hollywood types do very little for the picture. It's the genuine rock figures that make *Tommy*'s lunacy get down.

Tina Turner, as the Acid Queen, brings out her juicy animal magnetism with no hassles.

Pinball Wizard, Elton John, does well with his bit and Keith Moon, leaves no doubt he is perverted.

So what are all these show-biz folks doing in *Tommy*? Somebody in Rock should learn how to make pictures; concert-flicks excluded! Maybe Pete Townshend and the Who should have taken heed to the sage's lyrics, "It's Only Rock n' Roll."

Rock n' roll

Tap water kills houseplants

by Marvin Coolbaugh

Look around you. Everywhere you turn there are plants growing. . . in kitchens, in bathrooms and even in staid business offices. If you haven't tried out your "green thumb" yet, now is the time.

Today at 3:08 p.m. the sun will move from Pisces to Aries, signalling the beginning of spring. What better time to venture into the world of plants.

Before you dive in and spend all your money, do some comparative shopping. Visit plant shops, nurseries and the local supermarket, in that order. You will soon notice the difference between healthy and less-fortunate plants. You may also notice a difference in price.

Remember, some plants grow quite quickly. The cost difference between a full-grown plant and a young one may be as much as 10 to one.

Patience is the key here. If you are impatient, get the big one. However, consider the plant's adjustment. Just as it is easier for a child to adjust to new situations, the same would apply to a young plant.

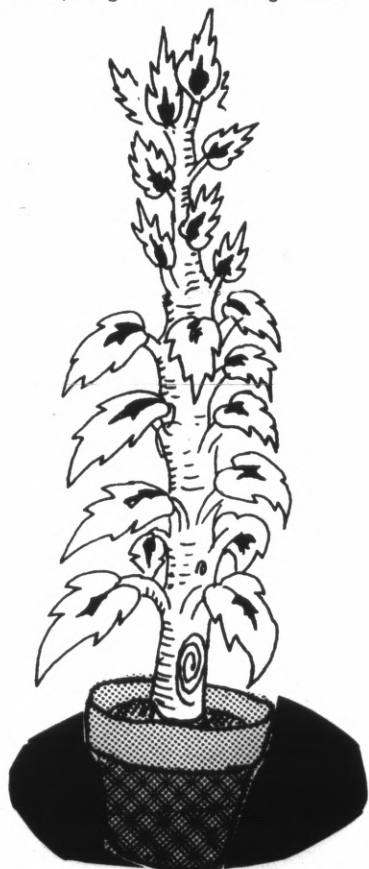
Most plants need good light, but seldom direct sun. They hate hot air blowing on them. They generally like to be misted with

a sprayer, except those with hairy leaves.

Do not repot your new plants in much larger containers. A plant will not send out new top growth until it fills the pot with feeler roots.

Stay away from containers without drainholes.

If possible, water your plants with spring water. Our glorious



Southern California water is so high in salt content that you can gradually kill your plant.

Plastic pots are the worst offenders when using tap water, since the salt is trapped inside the pot. Clay or wood containers at least isolate the salt on the outside.

Do not use soft water, since it is filtered through salt and will kill your plants rather quickly.

Now that you have the rules of the game, it is time to play. But what kind of plants should you buy?

All of the Philodendrons, especially Pothos, are easy to grow. Some grow huge and some look like vines. They seem to grow anywhere except in closets.

Wandering Jew, Creeping Charlie and Spider Plant are fast-growing trailing plants. They can be rooted in water from cuttings.

Prayer Plant is an upright plant that announces evening by turning its leaves skyward, even in a room without windows.

Piggyback Plant has babies that grow on its leaves.

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The CIA spy who went under the cold

by Randy Lewis

Gentlemen, please introduce yourselves:

Number 1: "My name is John Reseck. I am an ex-CIA agent."

Number 2: "My name is John Reseck. I was the first person to dive under the ice in Antarctica."

Number 3: "My name is John Reseck. I teach judo."

Will the real John Reseck please stand up?

All three are John Reseck, Jr., SCUBA-diving and judo instructor at SAC.

Looking somewhat like Captain Ahab might have, his face outlined by a thin beard, Reseck was seated in his small office, located behind SAC's swimming pool. Still wearing his ghi (that little white judo outfit), he took time out to talk about some of his experiences.

"I spent some time as a CIA agent, way back in 1953 to about 1964," said Reseck. "I was in a group that was called an SFD group—Seek, Find and Destroy."

He explained that the SFD team "was given targets to

destroy," but failed to elaborate further on what kind of "targets" were assigned. However, he is working on a book that will tell more fully of his exploits with the agency.

As if the CIA wasn't exciting enough for him, Reseck has also spent the last 30 years of his life doing underwater diving in various places around the world such as Mexico, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, and even Antarctica.

"I dove in the Antarctic in 1958," he revealed. "As far as I know, I was the first person ever to dive under the ice there." Reseck spent six months there studying fish for the National Science Foundation.

His diving adventures and experience have helped him attain his current position as Vice-President of the National Association of Underwater Instructors. His new book, **SCUBA: Safe and Simple**, is completed and is scheduled for release in April.

In 1970, Reseck introduced the SCUBA-diving program to SAC. It began as a club, but has since grown

into what he says is the largest SCUBA program in the world.

Lately, he has turned much of the diving classes here over to assistant Paul Wakefield, so that he can spend more time concentrating on his judo classes.

This course was initiated by Frank Addleman, SAC's wrestling coach, and then adopted by Reseck, who has been in judo since 1952.

"I was very active in judo from 1952 to 1955," he related, but said that he received his training, not from the CIA, but from the YMCA in Los Angeles.

Some of his many other interests include cycling, both land and underwater photography, archery and jogging.

Not satisfied with re-living memories of his past adventures, Reseck is constantly looking for new experiences. His next big trip is slated for 1980, when he plans to take his boat up the coast to Alaska and then come back down to Panama.

Who knows? He may return with the great white whale.

SAC'S HAPPY WANDERER — John Reseck (r.), SAC SCUBA instructor and former CIA agent, stands in 1958 as the first person to dive in Antarctica. On (l.) students work on a project in one of his SCUBA classes.



Career Planning will help you decide where your head's at

by Karen Govoni

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" This question adults frequently ask children and they always have an answer.

If you were to ask some college students a similar question, they wouldn't be able to tell you.

For this reason, many colleges and high schools have developed career planning centers to let students see what opportunities are open to them. SAC is one of the schools that has done so recently.

The center opened one year ago. It began as a Federal project, but because of its usage, the district decided to keep the program. Nearly 800 students a month use the center.

According to Carol Harkins, a career technician at SAC's Career Planning Center, the goal "is to help students find out all they can about a career before they get into it."

In the center, which is a part of the counseling department, there is information on 22,000 different careers. They are separated into nine divisions: Agriculture and Home Economics, Arts and Letters, Business, Education and Welfare, Engineering and Architecture, Government and Law, Health, Industry, Trade and Service and Science.

The data is presented to the student on filmstrips and in written form. He finds out just what he would do in a particular job, how he needs to prepare himself for it and the opportunities it will offer him.

"It's unbelievable the amount of information

they have," commented one student. "Everything I need is here and if it isn't, they can find it for me."

"We are concerned with the total person," says John Lowe, coordinator of the Center.

"We try to help them to find something that they will enjoy and be well suited for. Someone who comes in and tells me they want to major in history, yet enjoys activities like backpacking and works in construction, may need to be re-directed. A job, where he would be working inside all the time, could be the wrong thing for him," Lowe said.

He continued, "There is nothing worse than completing four years in school and finding you have prepared yourself for a job you can't relate to."

Once a student has decided what he would like to go into, information concerning what courses he must take and what schools he could attend is presented.

Other services are available in the center. Someone who is applying for a job and needs assistance in writing their resume, can go to the center for help. Regular job counseling is also offered.

All the machines and books can be used without assistance from the career technicians. But, if you need it, the technicians can help you whether you just drop in or have an appointment. The Career Planning Center is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Steve Foster sparks tennis team for SAC

If there is a spark that sets off the SAC tennis squad, it is Steve Foster—presently the team's top player.

Coming off a one-year layoff, Foster immediately established himself as one of SAC's finest netmen. Since the season began, he has progressed by leaps and bounds.

Last Thursday saw the team drop a conference match to Orange Coast by a dismal 7-2 score. Foster triumphed in singles 6-2, 6-4 and teamed with Kelly Davidson to record a 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 doubles win for the only two Don victories of the day.

Two weeks ago, the tennis ace helped SAC to a 11-2 trouncing of Citrus College by soundly defeating highly respected Eddie Gonzales 6-0, 6-2. He attributed his fine performance to "playingsmart."

His coach, Lee Ramirez, believes the Gonzales match was "beneficial to Steve's attitude" which in turn has been

"basically instrumental in his resurgence."

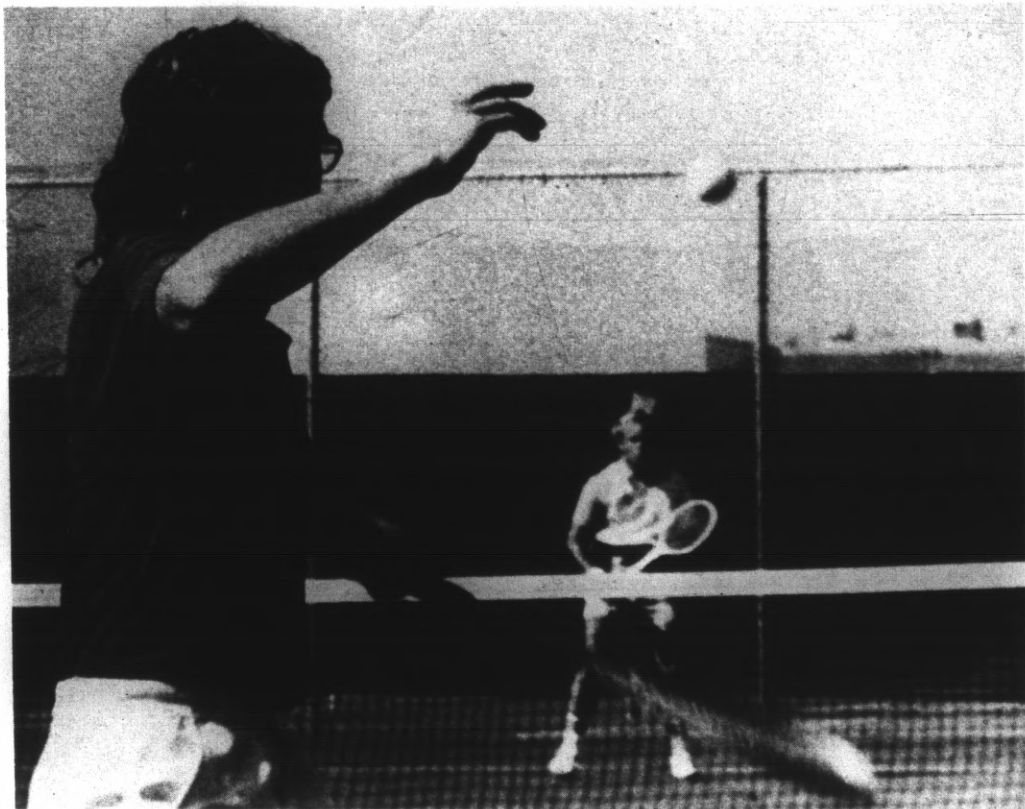
In an intersquad challenge match early in the season, Foster firmly established himself as the Don's top player when he ousted former number one Kelly Davidson in straight sets.

Although Foster is one of the friendliest netters on the squad, the reason for his successful play stems from the fact that when he's on the court, "he's out for blood."

With his personal record at 10-3, Foster is not confining himself to team play. He frequently enters invitational play to augment his activities.

Foster cites his "quickness" and "good shots" as the main reasons for his success, but what remains for the SAC netter when he leaves Santa Ana? Foster leans toward USC or UCLA.

"I realized that I'd have to get off my ass," he said, "because when the time comes, I want to play with the big boys."



BACK AT YOU—Steve Foster, defeated his Hornet rival, and teamed SAC's number one tennis player, returns with Kelly Davidson in a doubles victory a shot to his Fullerton opponent. He to pace the Dons to a 6-3 win Tuesday.

'Little Red Riding Hood' plays centerfield

by Bob LeFevre

Is Little Red Riding Hood loose on the SAC campus?

Not really, but Jerry Linnert has, or will answer any questions concerning the kid in center field with the red sweatshirt.

Linnert is a sophomore at SAC, and is a letterman on the baseball team. His hitting and lively attitude are contributing factors in the team's success.

As for the hooded red sweatshirt, Linnert claims it isn't a superstitious item. "My jacket is twice as big as the sweatshirt, besides, the sweatshirt is more comfortable."

He was cut from last year's squad, after playing the year before. "I took making the team for granted, I was too lackadaisical," he said. But he worked hard, and Coach Jim Reach chose him as his leadoff hitter for the first part of the season. Later, he was moved to

the third spot, and has picked up many runs batted in due to the change.

"I would rather bat first, but I don't really care," he explained.

Jerry is a recreation major at SAC, and is looking at several schools out of Orange County. "I'd like to go to San Diego, Long Beach, or Arizona State."

Besides being a likeable person himself, Linnert likes kids. Obviously he could not work successfully for a park if

he didn't. In fact, he often gives the impression of being a big kid.

"We're all kids, in a way," he said.

"I look at the comics before I look at the sports page. There's almost all good news in the comics. I would like to see just the good news published."

So next time you come to a baseball game, by practice, don't wonder about the guy in center field. He's just the team's biggest kid.



CHANGE OF PACE—Jerry Linnert has always been known for his "pitching" for youth, but he took some time recently to do some throwing during a team practice.

Sports calendar

TODAY -- Baseball at Fullerton Invitational Tourney, time to be announced. Track at Cerritos, 3 p.m. Swimming at Orange Coast, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, March 22 -- Baseball at Fullerton Invitational Tourney, time to be announced.

MONDAY, March 24 -- Golf at Moorpark Tournament.

TUESDAY, March 25 -- Golf at Moorpark Tournament.

THURSDAY, March 27 -- Golf at Saddleback Tournament.

Track, So. Cal. Relays at Golden West, 10 a.m. Baseball vs. Saddleback, here, 2:30 p.m. Women's tennis vs. Cerritos, here, 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 28 -- Golf at Saddleback Tournament.

SATURDAY, March 29 -- Track at San Diego Relays, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, March 31 -- Golf at Orange Coast Tournament.

TUESDAY, April 1 -- Golf, Santa Ana Tournament at Willowick. Women's softball vs. Fullerton, here, 3:30 p.m. Women's volleyball vs. West L.A., here, 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 3 -- Swimming, SCC Championships at Cerritos, all day. Baseball vs. Fullerton, here 2:30 p.m. Women's tennis at L.A. Harbor, 2:30 p.m. Tennis at San Diego Mesa, 3 p.m.

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SPEED CONCENTRATE—SAC's sprinting corps, a strong part of this year's squad, prepare themselves for action. Perry Powell, Toby Rhue, Jim Straw and Doug Perroll are the top speedsters for Coach Howard Brubaker.

Coach predicts one-point win over Cerritos in meet

by Don Hansen

The Don trackmen tangle spikes with Cerritos at the Falcon field today at 3 p.m. Each team will be trying to earn its first SCC victory.

SAC track coach, Howard Brubaker said, "The meet will be very, very close. It will probably be decided in the last event, the mile relay, but we'll win by one point!"

Cerritos coach, Dave Kamanski stated, "The contest will be very tight."

Last Friday, the defending champions and favored Fullerton, overpowered the Dons 100-40 to open league action.

SAC looked good going down to defeat, as some Dons improved on their individual records. Brubaker had expected the point spread to be much larger.

The Don coach related, "I was pleased very much by our performances today. If we can just keep it up, we can start beating somebody now. We'll be a worthy opponent the rest of the season."

The Dons were hampered by a couple of

injuries during the first conference meet. Toby Rhue (100 and 220) and Bruce Bryan (high jump, pole vault, triple jump and high hurdles) were sidelined with injuries, but both men are expected to compete in today's contest.

Keith Witthauer won the three mile with his individual best time of 14:30.6. With 100 yards to go, Witthauer sprinted past three very tough Hornets to victory. Brubaker stressed, "It was a super effort—just terrific!"

Another surprise came in the 440, as Manuel Deason won with his individual best of 49.6. Not far behind was Perry Powell, who ran 51 seconds flat to improve his best time, finishing in second place.

Bill Graves won the mile in a very impressive finish. He literally kicked his way past a Fullerton opponent to win in his best time of 4:15.5.

Brubaker related, "We have a fine group of quality athletes and the season looks very encouraging."

Don golfers take early SCC lead

"The team has turned around now," said Coach Arlin Pirtle of the SAC golf squad. "We're really starting to go."

The coach was elated with his team's performances in the first two conference matches. The Dons won the opening SCC tournament by 20 strokes with a 73.8 average score.

SAC fell off to an average of 78 strokes in the second league contest, but still managed to grab second place behind San Diego Mesa.

The winning team in a conference tournament is awarded 10 points; second place is worth eight points, and so on. Thus SAC has earned 18 of a possible twenty points so far. Fullerton is the Dons' closest competitor with 14 points, and San Diego Mesa is third with 12.

Pirtle is not bashful about his team's prospects. "We'll clinch the conference title in the fifth match," he predicted. "That way we'll be able to play the sixth (and final) match just for fun."

The leading SAC golfer in the first two SCC tournaments was Larry Cruikshank, with scores of 73 and 75 for a total of 148. He was followed by Keith Wyrick, with a two-game tally of 151, and Dave Arntson, with 152.



Bob LeFevre

Nature reigns

Indecision is a terrible thing. Even Mother Nature is having her problems.

She can't really decide whether she likes to see sunshine and short sleeves or rain and no outdoor activity.

Recently, she decided that the wet stuff was better, and it looked as though none of SAC's athletics would ever get going again.

Only the women's volleyball team was able to have continuous practice and games. But the other spring sports suffered, in varying degrees. The track meets either were cancelled or played in slight drizzle. So were the baseball games and tennis matches. And even if the games were played, the threat of precipitation was always there.

Baseball Coach Jim Reach probably wishes that the rain would have continued all week long. After losing two games to Mother Nature, (Cerritos and Fullerton), the Dons played two games against Mt. SAC despite the weather.

Unfortunately for them, Mother Nature didn't intervene. The Mounties scored 30 runs in two games, while holding the Dons to eight hits and no runs. The once mighty SAC pitching staff was thumped for hit after hit, and six of them left the ball park. But Reach thinks that his club can recover before they play in the Fullerton Tournament this weekend. Hopefully, this is true, otherwise it may be raining more than water for the rest of the season.

In response to Audrey Whitehead's letter to el DON, let me first say that I'm glad somebody took the time to express herself in the form of a letter. I would encourage other responses on any issue you, the readers, feel is important enough to say something about.

Back to the letter. It concerned the last two articles I wrote on the basketball team. Neither were exactly complimentary, I must admit—but that was the idea.

The members of the basketball team, as well as any other sport, are subject to criticism under the "fair comment and criticism" idea. This means that anybody in the public spotlight—including athletes—is subject to criticism on his performances.

But it appears the whole issue has blown out of proportion. Miss Whitehead, in her letter, called me a "jealous racist." First off, I'm not jealous. Maybe envious. I would love to trade places with any player on this year's team, and to have the opportunity to make all the mistakes they made.

As for being a racist, again, there is little meat to the statement. I treat all athletes equally, regardless of color. They're players to me, and that's all I can fairly write on.

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